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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



On March 11, the Marion Natural History Museum's adult group had a chance to learn about owl-feeding habitats. Owls swallow their prey whole or in large pieces, and when the pellet is regurgitated, the indigestible pieces reappear. Bones, hair, and exoskeletons are common in owl pellets and can help observers identify the type of prey consumed as well as where it might have been caught. Many found more than one skull in their pellets. The group had fun together dissecting sterilized Barn Owl pellets and taking a close look and trying to identify their contents. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



Depicted here are 10 of the 18 Mattapoisett COA's Shakespeare for Scaredy Cats folk after having attended an excellent performance of Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* on March 7 at Trinity Rep in Providence. Over the years, this enthusiastic, very lively group has also seen other Shakespeare productions, such as *Hamlet* and *The Taming of the Shrew*. Dr. Karrie Szatek teaches the no-homework, seminar-style class on Thursdays at the COA. Currently being read is *Antony and Cleopatra*; next will be *Measure for Measure* in April and May. For more information, those interested may contact the Mattapoisett COA at 508-758-4110. Photos courtesy the Mattapoisett Council on Aging

(Left) Wednesday afternoon, the Marion Natural History Museum's afterschool group had a chance to learn about the diet of barn owls. Given they are birds of prey, there's mainly rodents and small birds on their menu. The owl must regurgitate the indigestible bones, fur, feathers, etc. by forming a pellet before eating another meal. We had a chance to explore sterilized owl pellets and identify the bones of the prey animals. It was not unusual to find more than one skull per pellet. The kids did a great job using the magnifiers and charts to identify the bones. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

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Springing Forward

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

"Spring is icumen." The change of the seasons is perceptible now -- can you see it? More importantly, can you feel it? With the rebirth going on all around us, it's natural to experience a sense of rejuvenation and hopefulness.

While the weather report isn't exactly blissful, I'd rather the rain than snow and the climbing temperatures are encouraging. Early March has been living up to its reputation "in like a lion" but we can expect that to tame so that it lives up to the other part of the proverb "out like a lamb."

Even the common adolescent takes note as my students brighten when the sun shines and then deflate when the temperatures dip. Agreed, everything is more tolerable with the sun. And subtle changes are happening: more birdsong, catkins on the hazelnut tree, and a softer feeling in the air that says spring is almost here.

These awakenings travel to our nerve centers and elicit responses. For the gardener, it's time to begin another cycle of planting as nature reinvents itself again. Nature's clock has been fast forwarded, urging us to make contact with the ground and nurture what is growing.

This first session in the garden may not appear romantic - a hunched figure in coveralls overseeing a brown canvas with a few green splotches doing mundane tasks. But for the gardener who has been inside for too long, it is a thrilling time of abandon. The mind cranks ahead, not seeing a drab patch of dirt with tattered remains of last year's plants, but rather the garden that will be. You're getting acquainted all over again with a place that holds some of your innermost dreams. You try to comprehend how this or that grew so large, recalling how tiny it was when you planted it several years ago. Even the obnoxious weeds like onion grass bring a momentary smile. It is nearly spring and you are in step.

And, as every year when you first venture out,

On the Cover: Crocuses are beginning to peak out, as the mountains of snow have finally dissipated. These tiny pinkish/purple flowers have variants across the globe, though they are originally native to the Mediterranean and Türkiye. Photo by Laura McLean

there are memory lapses. It's unlikely that every plant you put in the ground is memorized, so there will be markers or the plants themselves as reminders. The loop along the front border where I introduced new perennials last year I can only half recall. I will just have to wait to see what comes up where.

Then there is another kind of memory game or gap, known as "name that plant." It is a plant whose name you know as well as the names of your children. But for a second or two it's gone. You stare at the leaves and all you can think of is romaine lettuce. Let's see, verbascum? No, too early. Foxglove? Still early. Then it

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rises up and trippingly comes off the tongue: primula! Oh yes, with unique green flowers! It's like seeing someone familiar in an unexpected setting. A snag in the old mental rolodex. Spring is also for oiling the mind.

I always take pleasure in the simple things - rediscovering lost plants or uncovering their markers, finding plants that have survived... I wonder if the nigella will come back? ...and the occasional item that has nothing to do with gardening (namely plastic dinosaurs and long-lost plastic Easter eggs). These revive memories of the summer long past and reinforce the idea that gardening is ongoing and not fixed.

Enjoy springing forward!

*"There is a blessing in the air,
Which seems a sense of joy to yield
To the bare trees, and mountains bare,
And grass in the green field."*

-William Wordsworth, "The First Mild Day of March"

Éirinn go Brách

Saint Patrick's Day in the Tri-Town

By Sam Bishop

Tuesday was Saint Patrick's Day and there were a few events that took place in our area, though it's likely most were pulled in a few directions to either Boston or Newport the prior weekend. Though it was a relatively light week for Ireland-related events, there was no shortage of Irish tricolors flying from houses or people wearing green (don't pinch me).

For events held in the area, on March 15, Joe Keane, renowned seanchaí (shan-a-key), or Gaelic storyteller, brought tales from the Emerald Isle to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. Along with telling stories, sharing Irish folktales and lessons, and bringing pictures, Keane also brought a full-size harp to play.

He explained to the audience that the three leaves of the famed shamrock symbolize the three mythical queens of the island, or The Morrígan. The names of these queens/goddesses were Badb, Macha, and Anu. Though much of the Irish Gaelic history and folktales were lost to time or British subjugation, seanchaí like Joe Keane are able to keep history alive for all to learn, even in our neck of the woods.

On Saint Patrick's Day proper, March 17, the Mattapoisett Land Trust and Mattapoisett Free Public Library hosted an outdoor story time, loot hike/scavenger hunt, and pea planting. Visitors met at the Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. (fun-ish and somewhat relevant fact, Holmes is said to have maybe had some familiarity* with an Irish woman, whom he visited often in Cork), where they were read stories by Head Children's Librarian/ Assistant Director Kevin Thompson.

After that, they followed the trail of the leprechaun on the hunt for gold! Finally, they received some peas to plant at home, as is a St. Patty's Day tradition. The best time to plant those is now through mid-April!

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That was it for the big Irish-American celebrations. The town of Rochester offered a hearty Happy St. Pats to the town, saying, "Sláinte to our wonderful town!"

March 17 was also the 250th anniversary of Evacuation Day, for more on that, see the Revolution Story!

Thoughts on...

March Madness

By Dick Morgado

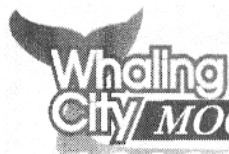
It's March! March Madness has arrived when a large portion of otherwise normal people in offices, schools, and mancaves throughout the country fill out their brackets trying to predict which college basketball team will win the annual NCAA basketball tournament and be crowned the best team in the nation. Many of them are obsessed fans who bet heavily on the outcome of the games that span three weekends. That's why it is called March Madness. Most of these people, including myself, don't know the difference between the University of South Carolina and the University of Antarctica.

The tournament began in 1939 and now consists of 68 teams that play in eight rounds starting with the First Four and leading to the Sweet Sixteen, the Elite Eight and the Final Four. (My, they do like alliteration, don't they?) The championship game is called...er, The Championship. My choice for a tournament winner is Gonzaga University because I like the name. Just rolls off the tongue, doesn't it? Gon-Za-Ga. The "Zags" have been in the tournament since 1999. They have reached Sweet 16 twice, Elite 8 six times and Final Four twice, losing every time. Now that's Madness'!

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Speaking of circuses and madness, the current tenant in America's most famous public housing has again made writing satire easy. (You didn't expect me to not comment on the circus, did you? Really?) Taking a break away from ballroom and arch construction, the Leader of the Free World in an address at a GOP retreat on Florida referring to the current Middle East excursion, uttered the now immortal words that there are "people who died are walking around (over there) without legs, without arms." That pearl of wisdom comes on the heels of another immortal phrase "...they are eating the cats,

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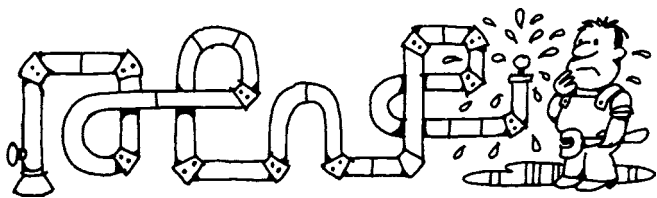
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eating the dogs..." spoken at a presidential debate in September 2024.

Trying to be positive, I imagine our chief executive took a break from world leadership to enjoy a couple of films in the White House movie theater. Rumor has it that the classic the "Sixth Sence" was on the marquee. The 1999 film starred Bruce Willis, (A great actor who sadly, now suffers from dementia.) He played a psychologist treating a young boy who sees dead people walking.

On the second bill might have been "The Madness of King George" a comedy about the downfall of Britain's King George III. He was called "The Mad King" who is said to have "lost America" in the American Revolution. Despite receiving four "Thumbs Up" from the late film critic Roger Ebert it did not do well at the box office, bringing in about half what it cost to make.

Our First Lady's husband is not the only public official who sees things that are not there and can't be. According to a CBS TV affiliate in Lake North Beach, Florida, a woman was stopped by a local police officer and given a ticket for holding a cell phone in her right hand. Despite her protests the officer insisted and wrote on the citation he 'saw the phone in her right hand.' The thing is...the woman has no right hand! She intends to appeal and her hearing is on April 1, which by the way, is April Fool's Day.

Now that's Madness!

Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and happily retired writer. His newspaper columns appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

Marion Fire/EMS Saves Pup From Ice

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Fire/ Emergency Medical Services responded to call in the early morning on Thursday, March 12 regarding a dog that had fallen through the ice.

There is a small pond towards the back of the park just off the trail of the off-leash park. It was noted by some locals that the drop-off off the trail and into the pond made it so such an accident was possible, which is what happened in last week's slippery conditions. Snow had not yet melted, and the warming temperatures made it possible fore the canine to slip off the trail and through the ice of the pond.

The ice-rescue operation required the Fire/ EMS force to utilize specialty equipment not often used designed specifically for such an operation. Two police cruisers, a fire engine, an ambulance, and Squad 1 truck all arrived on the scene.

In the end, the black lab was successfully rescued without sustaini9ng any injuries, according to the Marion Fire/EMS. Conditions with blizzard a few weeks ago and thawing temperatures made the prior week dangerous, and local officers have gone through training for such a scenario. Temperatures continue to rise, and though

freezing temperatures are still forecast a night, the onset of spring means these incidents are less likely.

250 Years Since The Evacuation of Boston

This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in and around the colonial Province of Massachusetts Bay. Last week, the victor of the stalemate at Boston had been decided by the force of cannons. For nearly a week, artillery, brought by Colonel Henry Knox roughly 300 miles from Ticonderoga, rained down balls of cast iron on the city. The British, under lead of General William Howe, had announced their intention to leave on March 10, 1776. The four Boston Selectman trudged out to inform the Continental Army of this decision a few days later. The British continue to bunker down in the city, awaiting the stormy weather to turn in their favor.

March 14, 1776, was a busy one, with the Continental Army awaiting any move by the British or any confirmation they are in fact leaving. General George Washington writes to Major General Charles Lee in New York, informing Lee of the successes so far, "The enemy were thrown into the utmost consternation when they perceived the next morning what had been effected the preceding night and made preparations to dislodge us - but a very heavy storm of wind and rain frustrated

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their designs." His main message for writing, however, is highlighted by him continuing, "It is most probably their destination is for New York."

Though he has not yet said it, Washington is under stress as he feels must hasten the capture of Boston and immediately march west to defend New York City from counterattack. He concludes his message to Lee, "I am much pleased with your plans for the defense and security of New York," and tells him of his continuing mission to recruit more troops and send them to the city. That same day, he writes to Major General William Alexander, known as "Lord Stirling" due to his prolonged claim to a Scottish title. He tells this Major General that he is sure General Howe is to depart eminently, but adds,



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"I am of the opinion that New York is their destination." He warns that the British must not be allowed to capture New York, and refers to Boston, saying, "So long possession of the town of Boston, against an army superior in numbers, and animated with the noble spirit of liberty, I say you may judge by that, how much easier it is to keep an enemy from forming a lodgment in a place than it will be to dispossess them." He signs off, finishing with, "the fate of America depends on you and the army under your command."

Back to Boston, in his General Orders for the day, Washington warns that he has received word from his intelligence network that the British may be trying to get Smallpox to spread throughout the city, thus, to ravage the Continental Army after the city's capture. He tells men and their officers to follow instructions to the letter, and demands "the strictest obedience" to avoid the pox's spread.

On March 15, finally, the wind and weather are deemed favorable for departure. Boston's four Selectman are summoned by General Howe. They are told the British are to embark today and will leave no man behind. He instructs the Selectman to ensure civilians remain inside during this time. If there is heavy resistance, either from without or within the city, Howe says his men will raze the city. Before the departure can be underway, however, the wild weather of late-winter swings again, again delaying the operation.

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Reed, confidant to Washington, writes to congratulate the general, while also poking for news. He says, "We shall be very anxious for further accounts as these have left you at a critical point of suspense when we are led to expect some very important change may soon happen." These important changes were happening, though unfortunately for Reed in Philadelphia, he would still have a number of days to wait to get the news.

March 16 was a lousy day for both sides. Torrential rain battered the troops and turned roads into impassable mud heaps. Over one-hundred British ships rock back and forth in the harbor, not quite able to fulfill their goal.

That is until March 17. The British sought not to wait longer, as this day marked a week since Howe made the decision to leave Boston. Before the sun would even rise, at 4:00 am, the British began their evacuation, finally seeing a break in the constant storms. It took around five hours, and by 9:00 am, the British were out of the city.

Over 8,000 troops, 667 women, 553 children, around 1,100 loyalist Bostonians and Massachusetts refugees departed on between 120 and 170 Royal Navy ships. The total number being over 11,000 departing, making it roughly equivalent to over 2/3 the modern-day population of the Tri-Town leaving over such a short period of time. Records indicate the Royal Navy was comprised of around 250 ships at the start of the Revolution, making it likely that half the force was present in Boston Harbor for what would be known as "Evacuation Day."

The siege had begun just following the Battles of Concord and Lexington on April 19, 1775. It finally concluded roughly 333 days later. It would also be just over six years after the Boston Massacre, which occurred on March 5, 1770.

The Continental Army under Major General Artemis Ward were apprehensive in their entrance to the city. He initially led with troops already previously exposed to smallpox, though the rest of the band would enter the battered city in the following days.

Washington had been constantly thinking

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ahead, beyond Boston. On March 16, the day before the evacuation, he had written Colonel Jeduthan Baldwin to leave Massachusetts and “proceed immediately” to New York. He is already pivoting to the location of the next standoff. His General Orders for March 17 were simple and only one sentence: “The regiments under marching orders, to march tomorrow at sunrise.”

What of the 11,000 evacuees? The Redcoats themselves would regroup in Canada, namely Halifax. Of the loyalists, many would settle in London. Others made Canada their new home, where in New Brunswick, the large swell of loyalist settlers would lead to the unification of two neighboring cities, Parrtown and Carleton, into Saint John, NB.

The capture of Boston by the Americans and the evacuation of the British would mostly put an end to any large-scale conflict in New England. The southern shore would continue to be a target for naval skirmishes and raids. However, the British targets would mostly move to the south, except for the Battle of Rhode Island, which occurred in 1778. We’ll get there in a couple years...

So, as Washington marches west, Massachusetts captured and Crown driven out, let’s take a quick peak at what the other notable figures of the time are up to.

Benedict Arnold is still in the slowly-thawing north. He maintains a presence in the outskirts of Quebec City, though any siege or blockade of the city is virtually impossible. He is to be replaced in April and will subsequently fight in other battles in the border region as he makes his way south.

The Adams’s, both John and Samuel, are Massachusetts Delegates to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. Both men express their impatience and are at this time pushing for a formal declaration of independence by the colonies. Thomas Jefferson is a Delegate from Virginia and finds himself in the company of John Adams in their desire for independence. The two men would become close friends around this time.

Seventy-year-old Benjamin Franklin has served as the first Postmaster General. He is also a Pennsylvania Delegate to the congress. He also convenes with the pro-independence faction.

The smith Paul Revere has traveled back and forth from Philadelphia and Massachusetts and recently opened America’s second powder mill in Canton, MA, tackling the continuing lack of gunpowder. He would mark his return to Boston on March 21, a few days after the evacuation.

John Hancock maintains his presidency over the congress, having recently married Dorothy Quincy and having his first child. He has largely worked behind the scenes, securing funds, army volunteers, and other support for Washington’s army.

Looking a bit to the future, we have some popular figured not yet touched upon that will soon show themselves in the chronology. Aaron Burr and Alexander

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Hamilton are both currently in New York City, with both men soon showing their importance as the battle comes to them.

An eighteen-year-old Marquis de La Fayette, or just Lafayette, is in Paris and has expressed his immense personal support for the American cause, all while the French monarch eyes involvement.

This weekly column will go on, though most Revolutionary War events will shift outside our home in New England proper. I, the author, will do my best to continue to scavenge the records and will relate back what I can find on the history of our home as I come across relevant information.

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ORR Budgeting with Superintendent

Marion Finance Committee

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Finance Committee, in their mission to square away the Fiscal Year 2027 budget, met with Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson and Assistant Superintendent Howie Barber on March 12 to go over school budgets across the Tri-Town: specifically, ORR and Sippican.

They began by highlighting big changes going forward into the next school year/fiscal year. Nelson began by mentioning the total yearly budget would be \$5,360,000, which had been pushed down closer to \$5,100,000 per request from the FinCom. There have been

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two major changes, Nelson said, since the last time the committee saw the budget.

"There has been some changes, fundamentally," said Nelson. "We have firmed up our projections around enrollment, knowing our kindergarten numbers." He also referenced Special Education needs, which have been accounted for in the revised budget. He also said from the previous budget that the FinCom saw, there has since been the removal of two full-time employees.

Barber would state the current budget has not yet been approved by the school committee, though this is what will be presented to them. He also clarified that the mentioned loss of full-time employee positions, or FTE's, would not incur any active job cuts as they "are not going to be impacted by active staff. We have enrollments, and because of the attrition ... the steps and levels of those, the staff members are and so forth, it allows us to make these updates without impacting staff that are currently in our bargaining groups."

That is to say, these positional cuts will not affect any active staff and would instead only affect future postings. Barber reiterated that these proposals would not impact any staff members. There is one retirement and one transfer, meaning those positions would not retroactively be filled.

The superintendent went on to refer to a "steady decline" in enrolment. He mentioned rising costs, saying, "I understand it may be hard for a lot of families or young



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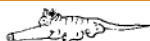


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families to move into the Tri-Town.” He’d add, referring to future enrolment, “I don’t see a big spike coming in the near future.”

Funding for DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) was also brought up, which serves as a screener for literacy levels that then, in turn, allows for early intervention. Nelson stated it was, “to see if kids are progressing where they should developmentally.” He added the three-year grant that covered DIBELS is now expired. He said the schools cannot go without this program due to state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) regulation. Therefore, the program will now have to be paid without state or federal assistance.

FinCom member Shay Assad said he noticed legal costs on the budget were up 25%, asking, “do you anticipate some issue that you’ve got to deal with?” Barber responded, saying historical, legal costs have continued to rise without the budget thus far accounting for the gradual change. He clarified it is based on a potential need without citing any exact legal challenge in the future.

Next, the large jump in costs for a school psychologist were brought up, from \$66,000 to \$103,000. Nelson said they had been unable to hire in that crucial position, necessitating it be contracted out either “retirees or companies that will do psychological assessments that we are required to do.”



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He would follow up, saying, “Point blank, there are certain positions that are very difficult to fill for school districts. School nurses, speech and language pathologists, and school psychologists are the top three, in my humble opinion, and we do not think it makes fiscal sense to continue to budget at a step-two, step-three (level), which is what we do with classroom teachers. So, with a school psychologist, we believe that we need to be fiscally responsible and have a more realistic job-salary range. We think it actually will save money compared to contracting out for each.”

For further increased costs, Barber would mention the new health insurance provider, Mayflower, highlighting increased premium costs would be around

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\$420,000, though this will rise or fall depending on enrollment numbers.

The next meeting of the Marion Finance Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00 pm where the committee was to discuss the Town Meeting Warrant.

COA, Library Conclude Budget Talks

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

The March 10 meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board was an opportunity for the board to thank all first responders and town departments that aided the community before, during and after the Blizzard of 2026. Member Tyler Macallister said that other nearby towns had not fared as well as Mattapoisett had when it came to responding to the historic storm.

Town Administrator Mike Lorencio also referred to the storm when he presented for the board's approval a backdated emergency proclamation to be sent to the state, giving the town the option of applying for federal monies to help with offsetting expenses related to storm cleanup. The proclamation notes February 2 through February 24 as the timeframe of the emergency order. It will now be sent to the state.

In other business, the board met to discuss the FY27 budgets for the Mattapoisett Library and the Council on Aging.

Macallister asked COA Director Sandra Landry to think about what she could do if she had a larger budget and more space. He acknowledged that the town's population was weighted towards persons over the age of 60, and Landry said that 1,174 individuals have been served. Landry said that her department has two clerks and nine drivers primarily supported by a formula grant that provides \$16 for each resident over the age of 60. Recent calculation placed the grant at \$52,000.

Landry went on to say that the grant also supports enrichment programming, including exercise classes, painting, movies, and many others. Of particular note were programs geared towards educating seniors about internet fraud.

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Landry also stated that, with the support of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library, such offerings as the monthly newsletter helps to keep seniors connected and informed.

Library Director Jenny Martin said that after several months of reorganization and a general overall going through materials, especially items in the Marine Room, the library is ready "to fly." She said one of the issues facing the library is staffing. Retirements and medical considerations have diminished the number of people with strong library skills. Martin said she understands the importance of staying within budgets; however, she pointed out how much more the library could do with more coverage.

Mattapoisett's total operating budget presently stands at just north of \$37,000,000. Lorenzo said that some \$47,000 needs to be trimmed but thinks it would be attainable. All town budgets have now been submitted, he said, with some tweaking needed.

Before closing the meeting, Macallister asked the board to consider holding Town Meeting on a Saturday afternoon. He believes that Town Meeting attendance would be greater if moved to a Saturday afternoon versus evening sessions. He moved that the board place it on the Spring Town Meeting Warrant for a vote. He noted that, after a recent Special Town Meeting was held with outstanding participation, he had heard from many voters that Saturday would work better.

Member Jodi Bauer was not in favor of the change, saying that it would interfere with other family schedules. Macallister said that the board could take up the matter at the next board meeting.

Earlier, Macallister said that the town will soon begin the process of seeking easements for the Village Roads project.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is planned for Tuesday, March 24.

Fewer Students Means Mixed Results

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

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Administrator Cameron Durant on the status of the FY27 school budget during its meeting on Monday night.

Durant reported Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School's overall FY27 budget to its five member towns will be a 4.8% increase, yet Rochester's share will be a \$260,000 reduction because the town is sending 22 fewer students there.

Meanwhile, the Old Rochester Regional School District budget will see a 6.8% increase, or an \$860,000 budget increase, that the town will be asked to spend over its FY26 budget, though Rochester will have 20 fewer students at ORR in the next school year.

Durant noted the town budget is still facing currently a \$450,000 deficit. "The Rochester Memorial School's next budget meeting was scheduled for March 25," he said. "I've asked them to postpone that meeting to await additional discussion."

Regarding state funding for schools, Durant announced the town's Chapter 90 program funding for FY27 will be \$531,477. Durant noted this is a slight reduction over last year.

In other action, the Select Board approved Police Chief Michael Assad's recommendation to appoint two new full-time police patrol officers with extensive backgrounds, Paul M. Douglas and Christopher Coyman, at the board's meeting on Monday night.

Douglas, Assad said, has 25 years of experience in corrections and multi-agency enforcement operations. He is currently a deputy sheriff with the Plymouth County's



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Bureau of Criminal Investigations and a deputy with the US Marshals Service with a top-secret security clearance. Coyman is currently a deputy sheriff / identification officer for the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department Bureau of Criminal Investigations. He's also a special police officer with the Pembroke Police Department and a crisis negotiator with the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council.

As former Bristol County Sheriff Thomas Hodgson and a roomful of other supporters looked on, Assad started by noting the Rochester Police Department has lost two officers to job transfers. One officer has taken a position with the New Bedford Police Department. The other has decided to step away from law enforcement work to pursue "other" opportunities. "These transitions provide us with the opportunity to bring in new officers who are fully committed to the mission of the Rochester Police Department," he said.

The board appointed Carol Hardy to the Events Committee.

The board approved the Tour de Creme route through town on May 31 and the Patriot Half Triathlon's town route on June 13.

The board chose Paul Ciaburri as its representative on the Acushnet Board of Health Agreement negotiation panel.

Durant announced the town website has officially changed from an address of ".com" to ".gov."

Durant announced Eversource has notified the town it will conduct scheduled vegetation maintenance work this spring at 237 Vaughan Hill Road, 85 Alley Road and 8 Union Church Terrace.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, April 6 at 6:00 pm in Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

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Marion Conservation Commission

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

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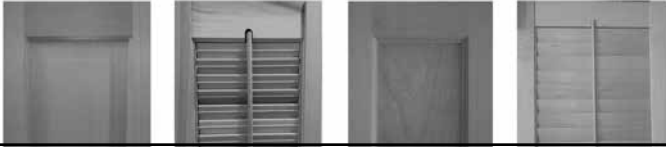
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Wednesday, March 11 with a packed agenda. However, most of the hearings at Marion Police Station's conference room were connected to routine matters, many projects falling within buffer zones.

After approving minutes from their February 11 meeting, the committee moved on to discussions with the Department of Public Works. The DPW sought approval to install a water main on Island Wharf Road to accommodate expansion. The ConCom had questions of whether the water chlorination process would discharge anything into the harbor, but project representatives said there will be safeguards in place.

The Conservation Commission had issues with some erosion control measures, but committee members

said the DPW can put more safeguards in place.

A few projects sought replacing existing structures, such as one on Point Road. Another Allens Point Road proposed by Creative Property Solutions applicant sought approval for construction of an accessory garage and an accessory dwelling unit above an existing septic system.

ADUs have been popular in Marion and other areas. The Conservation Commission weighed in on matters pertaining to stormwater flow.

David R. Hooke Trust on Delano Road sought modifying an existing private pier to improve access to nearby waterways. Project applicants mentioned that the pier does not provide access to the waterways and helps the area meet today's standards.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Station.

Board Clarifies Cottage Neighborhoods

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

The March 16 meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board was especially noteworthy as the new bylaws the board has been working on for just over a year have been completed. The Public Hearing for a new Cottage Neighborhoods and Accessory Dwelling Units were studied one more time before the board voted to close the public hearing and send the documents off for legal review.

Several times during the course of the board's deliberation in these matters, the Cottage style developments were referred to as "affordable," causing some confusion.

Town Planner Victoria Alfaro confirmed that the new cottage bylaw is not for the construction of subsidized units or housing units geared towards income-restricted persons. Board member Bill Winnerberg stated, "these are not affordable units, they are attainable housing."

A copy of the drafted bylaws is available from the Planning Board office.

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A continued site-plan review for 92 Marion Road for the construction of 24 motel units, as proposed by Sonal Patel/Krishi Kishan Corp, was not heard as the applicants withdrew the application.

A small land transfer to the Mattapoisett Land Trust for a lot located at 0 Cove Road was granted under Approval Not Required.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for April 6.

Toll Brothers Seek Dock Expansion

Marion Planning Board

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Planning Board met on Monday with their new member, Sean Sweeney. Sweeney will serve as a member for the remainder of the term, until the Marion Town Election on May 15 where he can pursue re-election.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the approval of minutes from March 2, the board had correspondence with the Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA had received the application of Toll Northeast V Corp. (Toll Brothers Inc.) for the potential enlargement of the dock at their property on 78 Wareham Road. "They're just asking for the existing dock there to be bigger," member Tucker Burr said. The dock would reach farther into the Weweantic River, just south of where Route 6 crosses.

Sweeney, at his first meeting, recommended a variance or a retractable Special Permit that would allow the town to maintain a grip on what development is pursued by the owners. Member Ryan Burke added that approach not only polices the waterway on the river, but also Wareham that lies across.

As the dock would serve as an "association dock/pier" serving multiple homes, members of the board were unresolved as to what course to recommend or what permits are needed. Vice Chair Alanna Nelson recommended the ZBA refer to other association piers. Chair Andrew Daniel concurred, saying along with that, they recommend the ZBA puts in wording to prohibit certain activities like fires and also wouldn't rely on the town for maintenance and upkeep of the dock and



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The meeting was adjourned, with the next meeting of the Marion Planning Board scheduled for Monday, April 6 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Station.

Lewis Street Hearing Cancelled

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals met on March 12 for their first meeting following last month's blizzard. The board kicked off with Chair Cindy Callow reading the application by Sarah Martin Banse of 90 Main Street and beginning the Public Hearing for a Special Permit for an addition to a current non-conforming

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garage to be converted into an accessory dwelling unit (ADU).

Banse was present who explained the space was not originally built with that intent in mind, though they would now like to use it for the owner's sister. They explained there was already enough parking on-property for the additional living space. There would be an extra 500 square-feet added to the usable space, meaning a Special Permit is required due to the increase in non-conformity.

The hearing was closed and the permit for 90 Main Street was granted with a unanimous vote of approval.

Next, it was explained the hearing for Angus Leary of 19 Lewis Street was again tabled. "We have been talking it for quite some time," Chair Callow said. The chair then read the board's statement regarding the frequent delays to their hearings for the property, saying, "Mr. Leary has been notified via email that this case will be picked up by the board this week. His lack of reply can result in the board denying his appeal and closing the case."

Members discussed processes used to contact the owner, such as call, email, and a certified letter, though no reply has been received. Chair Callow moved to close the hearing, meaning if the owner would like to go forward, they need to reapply. It was closed with a unanimous vote of approval.

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Following the approval of minutes from the board's January 11 meeting, they began discussion on new people-of-interest to fill the vacant Alternate Member slots for the board. Joan Gardener, the current Alternate Member, confirmed interest in being elevated to full Member, though there was not an official quorum for this action so it would have to wait.

Dina Nichols was one of the two applicants invited by the chair to see direct board functions. She has been a resident of the town for a little over two years. Before that, she had lived in Shrewsbury where she explained she had been active in town. As a realtor, she believed the best way to service Marion would be in the dealing with zoning and property management.

The next applicant was Anne Morgan who also arrived in town about 2 years ago, this time from Grafton. Morgan explained she and her husband grew up along the shore and moved to town seeking it back out. Coming from Martha's Vineyard, she said she had exclaimed, "this is like Edgartown without the traffic!" She stated she had been a professional planner for 40 years, serving multiple municipalities across the Greater Boston Area.

The board approved of and endorsed the two applicants which then is moved to the Select Board for them to give the final approval and appointment.

The next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Station.

MRC Speaks With UMass Boston

Marion Marine Resource Commission

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The Marion Marine Resources Commission met on Thursday, March 11 in the Maritime Center and touched upon the Fiscal Year 2027 budget, the harbor management plan, various capital improvement projects, and the development of more kayak racks in town.

The main talking point was a meeting with UMASS Boston representatives about the importance of implementing a formal harbor plan.

The school members noted that such a plan would engage the public more. MRC members said that a plan could help alleviate confusion as to whether the plan represents an arbitrary regulation instead of something that people helped develop.

UMass representatives noted that it could improve access to shoreline, including for those with disabilities. It was noted the work can also help educate the public on how climate change can impact future access to shorelines.

There is funding in place for a master harbor plan, and commissioners said the MRC would help with engaging the community while UMass could help with technical aspects and collect data from the public. They mentioned that in one community there was a public outcry for more public access in one area that was once seen as not accessible.

UMass said they would like to have a kickoff meeting with the public in the spring, followed by a public survey. After collecting data and analyzing it in the summer and fall, the consultants expect to share a draft in the fall.

Once the MRC reviews it, it will then go back to the public, usually in the winter. After that, it would seek final approval. The school representatives said they have other options for implementing the strategies.

MRC members stated they are an advisory committee; the Select Board would get final approval. Members added that the town's Open Space plan is relatively new and might be a good resource to understand public needs and understanding. UMass responded that that situation is standard, so there would not be a need to start a new committee.

The next meeting of the Marion Marine Resource Commission was not scheduled at adjournment.

Update On Shared Use Path

Marion Pathway Committee

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Pathway Committee met on Thursday, March 12 to give general updates on the Marion Shared Use Path, like the path's current timeline, land appraisal, and the land swap to be voted upon at next week's Special Town Meeting.

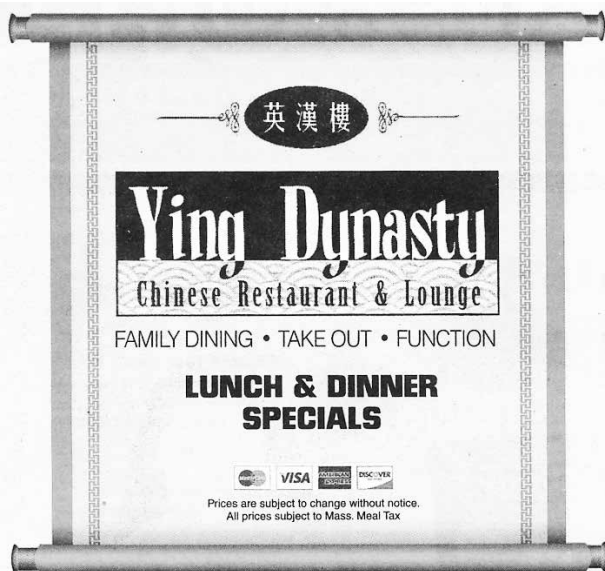
Chair John Rockwell began the meeting by

saying, "Well, we have a good timeline right now guys." He added there will be a "conflict resolution meeting" on April 6 between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the project engineer to ensure "any little things that have to be fixed, they'll come out of that meeting."

Rockwell also said the date at which construction will begin is currently August 15, though he mentioned the current grant to fund appraisals/acquisitions for the project expires towards the end of June, saying, "It's gonna be close," but added they have requested an extension on said grant. Another grant for acquisitions doesn't expire until June 2027, the Chair said. He also stated appraisals can soon begin with ROW (right-of-way) Appraisal Contracts currently under review.

For the land swap, Rockwell explained, "there is a three-thousand-foot corner of the Washburn Park extension that's being crossed," and added there is currently an existing deed restriction that prevents desired developments without a property transfer. The property is owned by the town but was originally intended for use by the Department of Public Works, with the thought at the time being it could possibly be used for a DPW building. The original wording of the agreement means any non-DPW development is not currently allowed.

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The next meeting of the Marion Pathway Committee was not scheduled at adjournment.

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The MAC's first Unplugged for 2026

The MAC is thrilled to announce its first Unplugged concert for 2026. It will take place on **March 27** with two shows - one at 7:00 pm and one at 8:30 pm, each one lasting one hour. The show will feature Donn Legge with Ed Ledwith. Two guitars - an exciting new approach to the Unplugged concept. The shows take place upstairs in the MAC's Patsy Francis Gallery, located at 80 Pleasant St, Marion. Tickets are \$15 for MAC members and \$20 for nonmembers. More information and tickets at marionartcenter.org/events.

Donn Legge is a busy performer on the South Coast of Massachusetts. He can be seen playing with Blues Train, South Coast Jazz Orchestra, Patrice Tiedmann's Seaglass Theater, Dori Rubbico, NB Rude Boys, and Kareem Sanjaghi on Cape Cod. While living in Miami Florida for a number of years Donn played with the "Miami Heat Band" in the late '80's and also with Gogi Grant, Rich Little and Trini Lopez. Donn accepted his first teaching job in Miami in '85 and taught full

time music in public high schools until '00 when he and his family returned to Massachusetts. Donn continued teaching music in the public schools until his retirement last year. Donn was featured in a duo with jazz pianist Matt Richard at the first Unplugged at the MAC in April of 2023.

Ed Ledwith is a freelance guitarist and retired school music teacher. He's been performing music in a wide variety of styles since the 1970's. Ed has played music in recording studios and performance venues in Vermont, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. He was a featured performer in the long-running "Singing for Shelter" concerts in Newport, RI. Ed has also performed in collaboration with musical theater organizations in Fall River, Attleboro, and Dartmouth, MA. An independent release of Ed's original music, "Find Me," was released in 1995.

ORRTTEF Fund Advances Disc Golf Course Expansion

Flying discs and friendly competition are becoming a more familiar sight at Old Rochester Regional High School, where students are aiming to build up the sport of disc golf on campus, thanks to a \$2,000 grant provided by the Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation.

During the 2024-25 school year, the Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation awarded a



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\$2,000 grant to support the continued development of the disc golf course at Old Rochester Regional High School.

A \$2,000 grant was awarded by the Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund to Old Rochester Regional High School social studies teacher Andrew Apperson to support the school's Disc Golf Club as it seeks to enhance and improve the on-campus disc golf course. The grant will enable the school to continue the work of improving the course and expanding it into a full 18-hole experience, providing a healthy, accessible and inclusive recreational activity for students.

"Disc golf is a sport that students of all skill levels can enjoy, and it encourages them to get outside, stay active and spend time together," Apperson said. "This

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grant helps us continue building a course that students can be proud of and that the school community can enjoy for years to come."

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Regional School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55 are pleased to share this story and the outcome of a total of more than \$9,400 in private grants provided by the nonprofit Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation for the 2024-25 school year.

The Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund is a growing endowment under the umbrella of the SouthCoast Community Foundation. Supported by community donors, the fund helps educators pursue innovative, high-quality learning experiences for students throughout Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester.

This is the fourth in a series of articles describing the impact of grants awarded by the Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund to support innovative teaching and student enrichment across the Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55.

Apperson applied for a Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund grant last year to advance the work of the school's Disc Golf Club, which has been developing a course on the high school campus since 2022. The Disc Golf Club hopes to expand the course beyond its current nine-hole layout into a full 18-hole course on campus.

Initial development of the course began through fundraising efforts and a mini grant, which allowed the club to purchase nine simple baskets that have been temporarily used as targets, or holes. The new funding will help the club continue its progress toward installing permanent high-quality baskets and other course



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features, including tee pads, signage and additional equipment.

The disc golf course supports both competitive club play and informal use during and after school hours.

Students have personally contributed to the maintenance and enhancement of the disc golf course, including in November during the school's Community Service Day, when several volunteers teamed up to remove overgrown vegetation.

"We had over 30 volunteers helping to clear the course and get it ready for further expansion with more permanent baskets in the future," Apperson said.

Early Childhood Coordinator Doreen Lopes said the project is evidence of the district's dedication to supporting creative and innovative ideas that focus on the students and promote their wellness and engagement.

"Projects like this demonstrate how student interests can grow into meaningful opportunities for recreation, connection and learning," Lopes said. "The Tri-Town Education Foundation plays an important role in helping educators bring these kinds of ideas to life."

To support future grant-funded programs like this one, community members are encouraged to donate to the Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund. Please go to the Old Rochester Regional Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund donation page: cfsema.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=1304.



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7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Jonathan Henry
9:30 AM Mattapoisett Woman's Club Speaker Series - 75th Anniversary Documentary
10:00 AM Rochester Historical Society - Past Pastimes
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Rail Trail
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM MAC Jazz Jam
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Gustav Holst
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
8:00 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs! with David Green
9:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Mysteries of the Midwater
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday March 20, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Southcoast Matters
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Rail Trail
11:30 AM Tabor Academy

Sesquicentennial Documentary

12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?

12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with

Coastline

1:00 PM Rochester Affordable

Housing Inc ADU Presentation

2:00 PM The Human Truth with

Chuck McIntyre

3:30 PM The Collective Chat

3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt

Experience

3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie

Burr and Brooke Johnson

4:00 PM Sippican Historical

Society Oral History - Jonathan

Henry

5:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs

Cathedral

6:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs

Whittier Regional Voc Tech

7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie

Review Show

8:30 PM Paltrocass with Darren

Paltrowitz

9:00 PM A Conversation With...

1:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers

10:00 PM For Your Health

10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment

11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday March 21, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning

Cartoon Festival

10:30 AM Lunenburg Police

Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam

11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie

Burr and Brooke Johnson

11:30 AM Tabor Academy

Sesquicentennial Documentary

12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie

2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie

Review Show

2:30 PM The Human Truth - with

Chuck McIntyre

3:00 PM The Collective Chat

3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt

Experience

4:00 PM Sippican Historical

Society Oral History - Jonathan

Henry

5:00 PM Sippican Historical

Society - Historical What If's with

Kirt Mead

6:00 PM Marion Natural History

Museum - Saving Fisheries

7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie

Review Show

8:30 PM Paltrocass - with Darren

Paltrowitz

9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment

9:30 PM A Conversation with...

10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report

10:30 PM Gay USA

11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday March 22, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian

Church

8:00 AM Mattapoisett

Congregational Church

9:00 AM First Congregational

Church of Rochester

10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church

11:30 AM Tabor Academy

Sesquicentennial Documentary

12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?

12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with

Coastline

1:00 PM Lunenburg Police

Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam

1:30 PM Deutsche Welle -

Euromaxx

2:00 PM Deutsche Welle -

Tomorrow Today

2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global

US

3:00 PM Two Grannies on the

Road

4:00 PM Miss New Bedford

5:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert

at the Marion Art Center

7:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs

New Bedford

8:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs

Whittier Regional Voc Tech

9:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball

vs Auburn

11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday March 23, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In

Good Shape

8:00 AM Deutsche Welle -

Tomorrow Today

8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global

US

9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie

Review Show

9:30 AM Two Grannies on the

Road

10:30 AM Miss New Bedford

11:00 AM For Your Health

11:30 AM Tabor Academy

Sesquicentennial Documentary

12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?

12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with

Coastline

1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report

1:30 PM Southcoast Matters

2:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment

3:00 PM Paltrocass with Darren

Paltrowitz

3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie

Review Show

4:30 PM The Human Truth

5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic

Band - Gustav Holst

6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment

7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie

Burr and Brooke Johnson

7:30 PM Sippican Historical

Society - Dr. Michael Moore

8:30 PM Marion Natural

History Museum - Butterflies of

Southeastern Mass

9:30 PM The Collective Chat

10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt

Experience

10:30 PM AMC Outdoor Journey

Fund

11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday March 24, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In

Good Shape

8:00 AM For Your Health

8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie

Review Show

9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment

9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club

10:00 AM Saturday Morning

Cartooning

10:30 AM The Collective Chat

11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt

Experience

11:30 AM In the Toy Box

12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?

12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with

Coastline

1:00 PM Point Road Park

Renaming Ceremony

1:30 PM Miss New Bedford

Insider

2:00 PM The Human Truth with

Chuck McIntyre

2:30 PM Deutsche Welle -

Tomorrow and Today

3:00 PM Deutsche Welle -

Euromaxx

3:30 PM Two Grannies on the

Road

4:30 PM Teach Your Home

Energy Costs!

6:00 PM Putnam Murdock

Concert at the Marion Art Center

8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report

8:30 PM Pete on the Street

9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie

Review Show

10:00 PM Gay USA

11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday March 25, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In

Good Shape

8:00 AM Cape Conversations

8:30 AM For Your Health

9:00 AM Two Grannies on the

Road

10:00 AM Sidewalks

Entertainment

10:30 AM Paltrocass with Darren

Paltrowitz

11:00 AM Mattapoisett

Congregational Church

12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?

12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with

Coastline

1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV

2:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie

Burr and Brooke Johnson

2:30 PM Money Matters

3:00 PM A Conversation With...

4:00 PM Tri-Town Veteran's Day

Events

6:00 PM Building the Future

6:30 PM Pete on the Street

7:00 PM World Fusion Show

7:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic

Band

9:00 PM Teach Your Home Energy

Costs! With David Green

10:30 PM Mattapoisett Women's

Club Speaker Series - Jack

Matthews

11:00 PM Classic Movies

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6:30 PM ORR School Committee

7:00 PM ORR Joint School

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9:00 PM Marion Finance

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Writing Class: 6 Weeks, 6 Stories

The next session of our popular writing class 6 Weeks, 6 Stories returns starting **April 7** and will run through May 12 on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the MAC Studio at 80 Pleasant St, Marion. Sarah Banse returns to guide writers whether they are beginning a practice, a seasoned writer or a complete beginner. 6 Weeks, 6 Stories is an opportunity to experiment with new forms and share fresh work in a supportive environment. Class size is limited; to register or for more information please go to marionartcenter.org/

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Leona C. (Allen) Mansfield, 94, of Mattapoisett, passed away on March 9, 2026 surrounded by her family. She was the wife of the late Donald L. Mansfield, married for 46 years. They were a special couple, inseparable, sharing their passions for gardening, traveling, cooking, their home and especially their family.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, daughter of the late Leo and Josephine (Davis) Allen, Leona grew up in New Bedford. After marrying, Leona and Don moved to the Northshore, eventually settling in Hamilton, MA. In Hamilton, Leona taught kindergarten and 1st grade. Summering in Mattapoisett, they moved full-time to Mattapoisett after retiring.

Leona had a real creative flare. In her younger years she worked with ceramics and gold leaf painting. She stenciled the walls in their home and stenciled fabrics for quilting. She was an avid reader who also enjoyed watching the birds, gardening, knitting and doing crosswords.

Leona was a member of the Mattapoisett Women's Club and Friends of the Mattapoisett COA, where she organized and oversaw the making of craft projects that were given to residents in the local nursing homes.

She was a strong, generous, warm and loving woman whose faith was very important. She was a devoted communicant of St. Anthony's church.

Survivors include her daughters, Melinda Reed and her husband Peter, Lori Briggs, and Jane Zychowicz, all of Mattapoisett; her best friend since grade school and sister-in-law Patricia Allen; her grandchildren, Amalia Thomson and her husband Liam, and Paul Zychowicz and his wife Karen; and her great grandchildren, Quinn, Tripp, Alex, and Nathan. She is survived by several nieces and a nephew with special appreciation for her niece, Susan Dawson, who faithfully made time to visit and brighten her days.

She is predeceased by her siblings Kevin Allen, Bernadette St. Denis, and Florence MacFarland; and her son-in-law Daniel Briggs.

Private services were held at St. Anthony's, Mattapoisett, MA. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Harborside Hospice, LLC, PO Box 930, Haverhill, MA 01831; St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1999, Memphis, TN 38101; or the charity of your choice. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com



Paula Hudson Chambers, of Rochester, passed away on March 14, 2026 at the age of 79. She was the beloved wife of Karl Dennis Chambers, with whom she shared 56 years of loving marriage and a lifetime of big blessings and little miracles.

Born in Newburyport, Massachusetts, to Mary Jean (nee Plouff) and Donald

G. Hudson, Paula was raised with the strong Christian faith that served as her lifelong compass. Paula's faith was forged in the Plymouth Brethren tradition and nurtured during summers at Camp Berea on Newfound Lake. She graduated from Newburyport High School in 1964 and resided for many years on Scotland Road in Newbury and Federal Street in Newburyport.

Her devoted family was the absolute center of Paula's life. She is survived by her husband, Karl Dennis Chambers; her daughters, Lauren Chambers Fredette (John Francis Fredette) and Erica Leigh Cecil (Morgan Lee Cecil); and her grandchildren, who were her greatest joy: John Chambers Fredette, Tess Elizabeth Fredette, Elijah Ocean Neal, Theodore Moses Cecil, Oliver Hudson Cecil, and Juniper Lee Cecil. She also lives in the hearts of her brother Donald P. Hudson and sister Dr. Laurel Jean Hudson (and daughters Susan Nichols and Devon Villarreal) and a loyal community of friends.

Paula will be remembered for her optimism, her creativity in homemaking, an appreciation for beautiful things in nature, a Hudson sense of humor, and the love she shared so completely with those blessed to be in her life. As she often prayed, she has finally found peace in the presence of the Lord.

A Memorial Service will be held on March 28 at 2:00 PM at The First Congregational Church of Marion, 28 Main Street, Marion, MA 02738.

For those who wish to attend virtually, please log on at that time: <https://www.youtube.com/live/UoC9b-Tr02hM?si=IMML9xTs-8YIMi>

A reception will follow in the Church Community Center, 144 Front Street, Marion MA 02738.

Flowers may be delivered directly to the church office on Friday, March 27 between 9am-2pm. Phone (508)748-1053. Flowers may also be ordered and delivered directly through Eden Florist & Garden Shop located at 337 Wareham Road, Marion, MA 02738. Phone (508)748-0225.

Parking is available on the street and behind the Community Center (please avoid the General Store spaces). Additional parking is available at the Town Wharf lot near the Music Hall.

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James E. "Jim" Taylor, Jr., 83, of Fairhaven, MA passed away Saturday, March 14, 2026 at Tobey Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was the former husband of Lorraine (Fernandes) Taylor.

Born and raised in Fall River, MA, he was the son of the late James. E. and Dora (Marchio) Taylor, Sr. Jim lived most of his life in Fairhaven, MA. He was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Fairhaven and had served seven years in the United States Navy.

Jim was employed at Brittany Dyeing and Printing

and \$255 nonmembers or you can drop-in: \$25 MAC members and \$30 for nonmembers. All the information is at marionartcenter.org/adult-music-movement.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

As you know from reading the Wanderer or looking at the Town of Rochester website, the Rochester Historical Commission sells plaques to owners of historical Rochester homes. Recently a plaque request that spanned at Snipatuit R least two years was granted. With assistance from the Rochester Historical Society and some wise Rochester residents, the plaque was ordered and should soon be gracing the home at 392 North Ave.

The reason this plaque took longer than usual is the house in question was not always located where it is today. Originally built in 1799, it was not an addition but rather an original part of the building which still stands at 780 Snipatuit Rd. This was once the Chaddock Academy Boarding House. It was



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Corp. as their Vice President of Production for many years. He later worked as Maintenance Supervisor for Center School in Mattapoisett, MA. In his spare time, Jim enjoyed gardening, reading and woodworking.

In addition to his former wife, he is survived by his children, Kevin Taylor and his wife Stacy of Bristol, RI, Adam Taylor of Wichita Falls, TX, and Megan Taylor of Fairhaven, MA; a brother, John Taylor and his wife Anita of Swansea, MA; and seven grandchildren Bethany, Kaylee, Keira, Blake, Cannon, Beckett, and Bryce.

Arrangements are under the care of Waring-Sullivan Home at Fairlawn, 180 Washington St., Fairhaven, MA 02719, Monday, March 16, 2026 from 4-7pm. Burial at Otis Air Force Base in Bourne, MA will be private. For online tribute/directions: www.waring-sullivan.com.

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across the road from the Academy. Among the students who attended the school and lived in the boarding house was Marcus Morton.

Morton was a governor of Massachusetts. Unlike many, he served two non-consecutive terms. The first was from 1840-1841 and the second was from 1843-1844.

The piece that would become 392 North Ave. was still part of 780 Snipatuit Rd. when the boarding house became Coombs Tavern. In 1871, the entire northeast corner of the building was sold to George Gerrish. The section removed included 5 rooms with 3 on the main level and 2 above.

Wilson Mull, the current owner of the "mother" building, said that you can tell where the section was

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MOVIE REVIEW

Oscar Night 2026

By Rob Gonsalves
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Last Sunday's Academy Awards ceremony had to have been the least funny in recent memory. Can they just not hire good writers any more? Are they having trouble finding young scribes who can put together halfway convincing repartee between presenters? Is Bruce Vilanch still there? The whole night seemed morose and off. Conan O'Brien wasn't that great a host the first time, and bringing him back just seemed like, "Well, Kimmel doesn't want to do it this year, so..." Conan ran Aunt Gladys-like through an opening bit that took him through many of the nominated films, though Billy Crystal was the champ of this sort of thing, plus he always sang a killer "It's the Oscars" song. Conan, to me, never seemed to commit to the bit, or the later one spoofing *One Battle After Another*. A lot of his jokes didn't land, and he looked more pained than anything.

Adding to the sadness was a heavier than usual "In Memoriam," with Crystal paying tribute to Rob Reiner while a bunch of actors from his films stood onstage. Robert Redford got to be sung to sleep by Streisand. Rachel McAdams spoke movingly about Diane Keaton and Catherine O'Hara and how they influenced generations of comedic actresses. It was a lump of "See how much we lost last year" right in the middle of a show that, though it began at 7:00pm ET and rolled the end credits by a quarter to eleven, still felt like it was staying up well past its bedtime. Conan finished the show with "We love you, Marty Short," which sent me in a panic to Google News — his daughter, it seems, recently died.

As for the folks who got to take home trophies, nothing really struck me as offensive. I would've liked to see *Sinners* walk away with more gold — as amusing as Sean Penn was, Delroy Lindo triumphing in the Best Supporting Actor category would've hit just fine — but *One Battle After Another* is a terrific movie, and I can't begrudge any of its wins. Michael B. Jordan was a sharp pick as Best Actor in a competitive field; a lot of people seemed to think Timothée Chalamet had it in the bag, but that category seemed uncertain, unlike Best Actress, which I knew would belong to Jessie Buckley's performance the minute I laid eyes on it. (Any other woman winning that prize would've been the big surprise of the night.)



The immediately recognizable baritone of Matt Berry (*What We Do in the Shadows*, *Krapopolis*, about a thousand other things) as this year's Voice of Oscar was a badly needed source of levity; nobody enunciates with more evident pleasure in the sound of his own vowels and consonants. (Make *him* the host.) The new Best Casting category was claimed by *One Battle After Another*, though nobody really seems certain what Best Casting entails — is it corralling an ace band of actors, or casting against type, or what? An actor from each of the nominated Casting movies stood onstage and talked up their movie's casting director, which made it sort of awkward when four actors from the losing nominees had to stand up there while the winner gave her speech.

Let's see, what else? Autumn Durald Arkapaw, the winning cinematographer of *Sinners*, made history by becoming the first woman so honored, and the first non-white woman to be nominated. That's something. *Frankenstein* absconded with some of the prizes one might've expected *Sinners* to win, like Costume Design and Production Design. When *Sinners* lost Best Song, despite an energetic if crowded performance of it during the show, that seemed like an end to the notion that it was *Sinners'* night. Still, no one film dominated too much; *One Battle After Another* went home with six awards, *Sinners* four, *Frankenstein* a surprising three. Amy Madigan won the only thing *Weapons* was up for, and a lot of contenders (*Train Dreams*, *The Secret Agent*, and especially poor *Marty Supreme*, with nine nods and no wins) had to content themselves with the old "it's an honor to be nominated" bromide. I can live with *One Battle After Another* being named the best of its year, but then I can always live with Best Picture even if it's terrible. The Oscars, as ABC might find out when they look at this year's ratings, just don't seem that important any more, if they ever did.

removed by noting a blank wall which would have had a window on the northeast side and the fact that the corner of the porch had to have foundation work done.

Before the "new" house settled in to its current location, it was at one time next to the North Rochester Cemetery in 1879 and then in 1921 it moved to its current location at 392 North Ave.

Because our plaques are based on the date of construction, this one will be dated 1799, the date it was built.

Rochester Historical News

Membership dues are trickling in, the snow in the museum driveway is melting and spring will soon be here. If you've ever wondered if genealogy could play apart in your 250th anniversary celebration of America's founding or you wonder if it would connect you to Revolutionary War ancestors, join us on **April 15** at 7:00 at the Rochester Historical Museum 355 County Rd., Rochester for "Genealogy and the Revolution".

It will be nice to get together after what seems like a never-ending winter. After the program, we'll gather for refreshments and conversation. Memberships may be purchased that evening.

Priscilla Hathaway Art Scholarship

The Mattapoissett Land Trust is seeking applicants for its \$1000 Priscilla Hathaway Art Scholarship. This

award is available to a Mattapoissett, Marion, or Rochester resident graduating from high school in June 2026, who is committed to keeping the core values that Priscilla Hathaway exemplified, is studying art, and plans to continue education in fine arts. The scholarship is made available through the generosity of Brad Hathaway and his family.

Application forms are available in the high school guidance offices and at the Mattapoissett Land Trust website: mattlandtrust.org/education/grants-and-scholarships/.

The deadline for submitting the complete application and accompanying materials is **April 17**. The recipient will be notified by mail by May 15.

The actual award will be disbursed after the student submits an official college transcript documenting a successful completion of the first semester in college to the Mattapoissett Land Trust.

Blanche B. Perry Scholarship

The Mattapoissett Land Trust is seeking applicants for its \$1000 Blanche B. Perry Scholarship. This award is available to a Mattapoissett resident graduating from Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, or Tabor Academy by June 2026, and pursuing education in the sciences and/or environmental studies or a related field.

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MARION

Log highlights March 8 – March 14

- Vine St – Smoke investigation
- Joanne Dr – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Bell Guzzle Ln – Larceny/past
- Delano Rd – Officer wanted
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Reservation Way – Animal complaint
- Front St – Road hazard
- Alden Rd – Disturbance/arrest
- Spinnaker Ln – EMS/medical
- Front St – Paper service
- Spring St – General offense
- 195 East – MV collision
- Luce Ave – MV stop/citation
- Spring St – Officer wanted
- Parkway Ln – EMS/medical
- Jenney Ln – Officer wanted
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- County Rd - Fraud
- Briggs Ln – EMS/medical
- South St – General service
- Spring St – MV collision
- Delano Rd – Suspicious activity
- Spring St – Officer wanted
- Mill St – MV collision
- Washburn Ln – General service

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights March 8 – March 14

- Juniper St – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Prospect Rd – 911 call
- Church St – Medical assist
- Fieldcrest Ln – General service
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Water St – Medical alarm
- Cecelia Ave – 911 for fire
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Grand View Ave – Larceny/forgery
- Main St – Parking violation
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Wildwood Ter – 911 call
- Beacon St – 911 call
- Pleasant View Ave – Parking complaint
- County Rd - Trespassing
- Marion Rd – Domestic disturbance
- County Rd – Medical assist
- Pine Island Rd – Animal control
- Baptist St – General service
- Acushnet Rd – MV crash
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Church St – MV violation
- Riverside Dr – Follow up investigation
- Brandt Island Rd – MV lockout
- 195 East – MV crash
- County Rd - Harassment
- Beacon St – Health/welfare
- Bethany Ln – 911 call

ROCHESTER

Log highlights March 8 – March 14

- Bradford Ln - Fraud
- Snipatuit Rd – Suspicious activity
- Maxim Rd – Animal control
- Hartley Rd – MV collision
- Neck Rd – Animal control
- Walnut Plain Rd – Well-being check
- Pierce St – 911 call
- Dr Hickey Ln – Carbon monoxide
- County Rd – MV collision
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- County Rd – MV collision
- North Ave – Well-being check
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
- Bradford Ln – Follow up
- Forbes Rd – Investigation
- Mendell Rd – Road hazard
- Bennett Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Suspicious activity
- County Rd – Suspicious activity
- Burgess Ave – 911 call
- Rounseville Rd – Panic alarm
- Cross Rd – Parking complaint
- North Ave – Erratic MV
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Coombs Rd – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Wolf island – Well-being check
- Mattapoisett Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, March 23: Honey glazed salmon, roasted sweet potatoes, Cali blend vegetables, wheat roll, pear cup

Tuesday, March 24: Creamy turkey & spinach casserole, orzo, vegetable medley, cornbread loaf, oatmeal cookie

Wednesday, March 25: Beef stew, whole grain buttermilk biscuit, broccoli, chocolate pudding, diet: fruit

Thursday, March 26: Broccoli cheddar stuffed chicken, rice pilaf, mixed root vegetables, wheat roll, apple

Friday, March 27: White fish picatta, mashed potatoes, carrots, whole grain cornbread loaf, pear

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, March 23: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, March 24: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie

Wednesday, March 25: Pancakes, warm blueberry dipping sauce, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty

Thursday, March 26: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, March 27: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, March 23: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, March 24: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie

Wednesday, March 25: Pancakes, warm blueberry dipping sauce, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty

Thursday, March 26: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, savory green beans, garlic breadstick
Friday, March 27: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

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OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, March 23: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, March 24: Zesty orange chicken,

brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie

Wednesday, March 25: Pancakes, warm blueberry dipping sauce, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty

Thursday, March 26: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, March 27: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, March 23: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, March 24: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie

Wednesday, March 25: Pancakes, warm blueberry dipping sauce, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty

Thursday, March 26: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, March 27: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

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SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, March 23: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, BBQ baked beans, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, March 24: Zesty orange chicken, brown rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie

Wednesday, March 25: Pancakes, warm blueberry dipping sauce, Jones low salt sausage links, hashbrown patty
Thursday, March 26: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

Friday, March 27: Munchie mania basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, March 23: Ramen bowl
Tuesday, March 24: Popcorn chicken, fries & steamed carrots

Wednesday, March 25: Chicken broccoli alfredo & garlic bread

Thursday, March 26: Linguica sandwich, baked beans & fries

Friday, March 27: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

The scholarship is made available through the Edith Glick Shoolman Fund, a bequest left to provide support for children in the community.

Application forms are available in the guidance offices of participating schools listed above and at the Mattapoissett Land Trust website: mattlandtrust.org/education/grants-and-scholarships/.

The deadline for submitting the complete application and accompanying materials is **April 17**. The recipient will be notified by mail by May 15.

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Paint-a-Bowl Fundraiser and Empty Bowls Dinner

A little creativity and a warm bowl of soup can go a long way at Old Rochester Regional High School this spring, as two upcoming community events combine art, food and generosity to support students in need.

The Old Rochester Regional High School Art Department is inviting community members to participate in Paint-a-Bowl Night on **March 25**, followed by the Empty Bowls Dinner on April 15, with entry to both events covered by a single \$25 donation. Both events are open to community members of all ages and artistic abilities.

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Paint-a-Bowl Night will take place from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 25, in the Old Rochester Regional High School ceramics studio (Room 1914). During the event, guests will select and paint a handmade ceramic bowl created by students in the ORR Art Program. The personalized bowls will then be glazed and fired by the school's ceramics students and faculty.

The personalized bowls will then be used at the Empty Bowls Dinner on Wednesday, April 15, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, held in the Old Rochester Regional High School cafeteria. Guests will enjoy a simple meal of soup served in the bowl they hand-painted during the Paint-a-Bowl Night.

Additional bowls will also be available for

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58 "You betcha"
60 Persia, now
61 As a whole
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90 Squid ink, for
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98 "Well, I'll be!"
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Change is still dominant for Rams and Ewes, both in the workplace and in their private lives. This is also a good time to look at a possible relocation if this has been one of your goals.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Doing things for others is what you do well. But don't forget that Bovines thrive on the arts, so make some time for yourself to indulge in your passion for music and artistic expressions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While the Romantic Twin considers where to go for an upcoming vacation, the Practical Twin will start making travel plans now to take advantage of some great bargains.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your sensitive nature helps you deal with a difficult emotional situation. Be patient and continue to show your sincere support wherever (and for whomever) it is needed.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're making progress as you move through some unfamiliar territory. And while there might be a misstep or two along the way, you're overall heading in the right direction. Good luck!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some good news arrives -- and just in time to remind you that you're making progress. Perhaps things aren't moving as quickly as you'd prefer, but they're moving nevertheless.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a good week to step back and assess the facts that have recently emerged to see where they can be used to your advantage. Also, don't hesitate to make changes where necessary.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You should begin to experience some support from those who now agree with your point of view. This should help counter the remaining objections from die-hard skeptics.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't let your aim be deflected by trivial matters as you try to resolve a confusing situation. Take time to find and thoroughly assess the facts before making any decision.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The possibility of moving to another location has come up. But before you dismiss it as unworkable, you should check it out just in case it does have some merit after all.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) New relationships, personal or work-related, show mixed signals. It's best to assume nothing. Let things play themselves out until you have something substantive to work with.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your ability to make needed changes without causing too much, if any, negative ripple effect comes in handy when dealing with a sensitive matter either on the job or within your family.

BORN THIS WEEK: Although you like things to go smoothly, you're not shy about making waves when you believe that the situation calls for it.

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purchase during the dinner, created and donated by students and faculty involved with the ORR Art Department, Clay Club and Art Club.

Soup for the evening will be generously donated by Blount Fine Foods, and the meal will also include oyster crackers, a cookie and a drink. Attendees will keep their chosen "empty bowl" as a reminder of the hunger and food insecurity that persists in many communities throughout the country and the world.

All proceeds will benefit The Williams Fund, which provides support to members of the Old Rochester Regional school community in times of need. The Williams Fund, established in 2010 by an Old Rochester Regional High School teacher and her family, is a nonprofit organization that provides confidential financial assistance and resources to students and families facing hardship, helping ensure students have what they need to fully participate in school and succeed. The fund helps cover essential needs and school-related expenses such as home heating costs, groceries, field trip fees, and athletic or extracurricular participation fees.

For more information about Paint-a-Bowl Night or the Empty Bowls Dinner, email Joanne Mogilnicki at joannemogilnicki@oldrochester.org or Kate Butler at katebutler@oldrochester.org.

Rochester Cultural Council

The Rochester Cultural Council (RCC) is pleased to announce its grant recipients for 2026. The RCC is composed of volunteers appointed by the Rochester Select Board and is funded by the Mass Cultural Council. Each year, the RCC awards grants to support arts, humanities, and science projects that enhance the quality of life in the Rochester community. Proposals may include programs such as school field trips, afterschool programs, concerts, festivals, lectures, theater, dance, music, film and STEM projects. In 2026 the RCC awarded \$5,900 to seventeen organizations including the Rochester Council On Aging, Rochester Historical Society, RMS PTO, Marion Art Center, Mattapoissett Land Trust and the Friends of Old Rochester Drama, Inc. A full list of 2026 grantees can be found at our MCC page at massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/rochester/.

If you have a great idea for bringing culturally enriching programming to the Rochester area and need funding to make it a reality, we can help. Applications will be accepted in September of 2026 for the next grant cycle. Quick links to tips for grant writing and the application process can also be found at bit.ly/RCCTips. Finally, the RCC is always looking to welcome new members. To find out more about us, check us out at www.facebook.com/rochestermaculturalcouncil, feel free to attend one of our open meetings, or email us directly at rochesterculturalcouncil@gmail.com. We would love to have you join us.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Do you like knitting, needlepoint, embroidery, or crocheting? Join our newest club. Meet new people, share fiber art project ideas, work with others, and share some laughs. Fiber Arts Club meets every Friday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Adult Readers' Advisory Group will meet March 24 at 11:00 am. If you enjoy discussing reading or books, join our Adult Readers' Advisory group for popular book ideas, to see what others are reading, and to explore new genres.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is excited to announce that we'll be hosting acrobat Li Liu on Saturday, **March 28** at 1:00 pm on the Marion Music Hall. Join us to see Li's performance and to learn about the traditions of Chinese acrobatics. This program is for all ages and is free to attend. This program was funded with the generous support of the Marion Cultural Council.

Starting to plan ahead for April Vacation? Keep the Library in mind. We're hosting Little Sparks Theater on Wednesday, **April 22** at 11:00 am for Big Kid Creative Drama - an engaging and highly interactive drama program for kids ages 6-8 / grades 1-3. On Friday, April 24, we're running our very own escape room. Sign up for a timeslot to Escape the Library. Both program require registration and more information can be found at elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events

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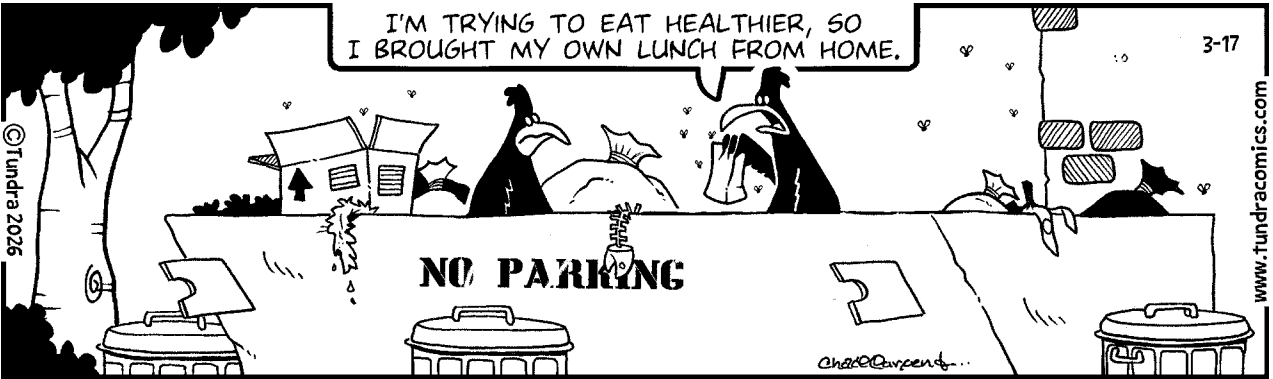
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Join storytellers Karen Chace and Andrea Lovett at the library on Tuesday, **March 24**, at 3:30 p.m. for "Polish Up Your Presentation." This charismatic duo will lead a 90-minute public speaking workshop that is both fun and friendly. There will be interactive exercises, real talk, and skills you'll use immediately. Whether you're giving a class presentation, interviewing for a job, or have a desire to feel more confident speaking up, this workshop is for you! Stop dreading presentations. Start dominating them. Space is limited. Register online to save your spot.

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Mattapoissett Lions Annual Egg Hunt

The Mattapoissett Lions will host the annual egg hunt on Saturday, **March 28** at Ned's Point at 11:00 am sharp. All children are invited. Be there a little early and don't forget a basket. This event goes by fast.

Mattapoissett Lions Senior Dinner

The Mattapoissett Lions Club Senior Dinner will be held on Saturday, **April 18** at 12:00 pm for local seniors at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church. There is no fee for the meal, and the dinner includes full turkey dinner, with fixings and dessert. Participants and individuals who need meals can contact the Council on aging at: coadirector@mattapoissett.gov or 508-758-4110 to report attendance or need for meal delivery. Any questions about the senior dinner can be directed to Jeffrey Swift, 508-758-3666.



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A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came together to make the Jennifer Rusinoski Memorial Scholarship a success for the 2025 school year. Jennifer was a champion for special needs students, and we're very proud to be able to continue that legacy with this scholarship. It is with great honor that we announce the continuation of a two-thousand-dollar scholarship, awarded to a student who has utilized special education services and is seeking a higher education.

Jennifer's spirit of support and advocacy for special education resonates deeply within this initiative, and it is our commitment to continue awarding the Jennifer Rusinoski Memorial Scholarship for years to come, ensuring that her legacy continues to inspire and uplift students and the community.

For those who wish to contribute and be a part of this endeavor for the 2026 school year, you can use Venmo @Jen_Rusinoski_Scholarship_Fund, contact us at 508-922-0541, or mail your donation to 137 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoissett, 02739. Your support means everything and helps us carry forward Jennifer's legacy year after year, making a difference in the lives of future scholars. Your donations are greatly appreciated, thank you.

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TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 4:45 pm in the conference room of the Marion Police Department at 550 Mill Street to amend the Marion Sanitary Code (MSC) regulation Section 8 entitled "Food Service". A copy of the proposed changes to the regulation is available from the Board of Health office. Albin R. Johnson III, Chair 3/12, 3/19 TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 4:40 pm in the meeting room of the Marion Police Station at 550 Mill Street on the variance request submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. pertaining to the property located at 162 Point Road, further identified as Map 1, Lot 15. The following variances are requested from Title 5 of the State Environmental Code: 310 CMR 15.212: Depth to Groundwater: Leaching Area separation from Seasonal High Groundwater. Request a 2-foot separation vs. 4-foot requirement as allowed by DEP with the use of an Eljen GFS Leaching System for Remedial Use. 310 CMR 15.227: Placement and Construction of Tees. Request Inlet and Outlet Tees <12" above Seasonal High Groundwater. Monolithic tanks and cast in place rubber boots provided. Albin R. Johnson III, Chair 3/12, 3/19 TOWN OF MARION COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Community Preservation Committee will hold a public hearing on Friday March 20, 2025 beginning at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Marion Police Station Conference Room. The meeting will also be available via remote format. Please contact the committee chair, Will Tift, at CommunityPreservation@marionma.gov for log-in details. The agenda for this meeting is as follows: • Review, amend and approve minutes of the February 20, 2026 meeting. • Review and discuss applications for CPA funding. Vote to present applications for consideration at annual town meeting, draft warrant articles. The following applications will be considered - o Town of Marion - Restoration and Stabilization of Soldiers and Sailors Monument - o Town of Marion - Washburn Park Bathhouse Renovation (Design), - o Town of Marion - Silvershell Beach Bathhouse Renovation (Design), - o Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee - Point Road Bike Path Extension to Creek Road - o Sippican Lands Trust - Sparrow Mill Hiking Trails and Interpretive Signs • Consider request to extend the spending period for one previous CPA award. Vote to present at annual town meeting, draft warrant articles. Shared Use Path Easements Appraisals – extend until June 30, 2027	Will Tift, CPC Chair 3/12, 3/19 TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1233 Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Nelson Bernardo, for property located at 28 Marion Rd., identified on Assessor's Map 6, Lot 3, who is seeking a Variance from the required 40-foot front setback on the construction of a new single-family home, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section D., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws. The public hearing will be on Thursday, April 9th, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donald Spirelet, Chairman 3/19, 3/26 ORRS SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Pursuant to Chapter 76, Section 12B of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are of the public hearing of the Old Rochester School Committee regarding school choice for the 2026-2027 school year at 7:00 pm, on Thursday, March 26, 2026. This hybrid meeting will be held in the Media Room located at the Jr. High School at 133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Public is able to attend in person or via zoom. https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/95561881344?pwd=OxKszymWvS8ZMw4qrs4PR5MgaDhcal.1 Meeting ID: 955 6188 1344 Passcode: 798324 Please contact the Superintendent's Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956 with any questions. 3/19 ORRS SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified of the public hearing of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee regarding the school budget for the 2026-2027 school year at 6:00 pm, on Thursday, March 26, 2026. This hybrid meeting will be held in the Media Room located at the Jr. High School at 133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Public is able to attend in person or via zoom. https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/95561881344?pwd=OxKszymWvS8ZMw4qrs4PR5MgaDhcal.1 Meeting ID: 955 6188 1344 Passcode: 798324 Please contact the Superintendent's Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956 with any questions. 3/19 TOWN OF MARION INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY 2006 BOSTON WHALER CHALLENGER PATROL BOAT The Town of Marion, acting through the Office of the Town Administrator and Chief Procurement Officer, invites sealed bids from qualified responders for the sale of a 2006 Boston Whaler Vigilant Patrol Boat (27 feet) powered by two Yamaha 300 HP outboard engines. Bid Documents may be obtained	electronically only; downloaded directly from the Town of Marion website: www.marionma.gov/Bids.aspx starting on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 8:00am. Sealed bid deadline is Friday, April 3, 2026 at 2:00 pm. The vessel is sold AS IS, WHERE IS with inspections by appointment only. The Town of Marion reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so. Geoffrey Gorman, CPO Town Administrator 3/19 TOWN OF MARION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS INSTALLATION OF ROOF-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) OPERATIONS BUILDING The Town of Marion, acting through the Office of the Town Administrator and Chief Procurement Officer, invites sealed proposals from qualified responders for the installation of a solar photovoltaic system on the DPW Operations Building. Bid Documents may be obtained electronically only; downloaded directly from the Town of Marion website: www.marionma.gov/Bids.aspx starting on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 8:00am. Sealed bid deadline is Friday, April 3, 2026 at 2:00pm. The Town of Marion reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so. Geoffrey Gorman, CPO Town Administrator 3/19 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 9, you are hereby notified of a public hearing. The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a hearing on Monday April 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm, to review a Site Plan Review as follows: Submitted by: Water & Sewer Department / Town of Mattapoisett Property owner: Town of Mattapoisett Represented by: Jon Gregory / Tata & Howard Scope of Work: Proposed construction of a 16,800 square foot pre-engineered metal building to serve as Water and Sewer Department offices and garage space. Location: 15 Industrial Drive; Map 27 Lot 403 This meeting will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 and over zoom. See meeting notice to be posted by April 2, 2026, for zoom instructions. All persons, parties, or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto. Thomas Tucker, Chairman 3/19, 3/26 TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1234 Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Anita Milka, for property located <i>Continued on page 38</i>

Sunday, **May 31**, the Tour de Crème bike ride returns for its 8th year. Cycle from Mattapoisett and surrounding towns stopping for a free scoop of ice cream at creameries all along the routes. Register and choose between 9, 25, and 47-mile rides. Afterwards, riders join the post-ride party at Munro Park in Mattapoisett for even more ice cream, food, live music, and cold beverages. This is not a race and riders of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate.

Registration will open March 15 for both riders and volunteers. To stay up to date follow The Tour de Crème Facebook page and visit tourdecreme.org to learn more.

Not interested in riding? There are many different volunteer opportunities available. Fundraising is also encouraged for riders and non-riders alike. This fantastically fun event is a fundraiser for the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail who work to improve and expand hiking and biking trails throughout Mattapoisett.

Celebrating American Musical Theater

On Sunday, **March 22** at 3:00 pm, the Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, will continue its 2025–2026 concert season with a program embracing Broadway's bountiful productions over the decades entitled "Celebrating American Musical Theater." The program will highlight some of the most important composers within the genre, focusing on music that has transformed The Great White Way and formed the varied and expressive repertoire that we continue to enjoy today. Music from Jerome Kern, Richard Rodgers, Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Harold Arlen and Stephen Schwartz will be performed in a variety of instrumental settings. Vocalist Heather Corrigan will sing a triptych of Jason Robert Brown selections that were specially arranged for her by Fairhaven pianist/arranger Matt Richard.

Heather Corrigan is an actress and voiceover artist from New York City. Raised in Marion, she has always been drawn to the stage, and after graduating from Tabor Academy went on to attend the School of Theater at the University of Southern California. She has appeared onstage in New York, Los Angeles, and across the country. Theater credits include *Kiss Me Kate*, *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* (Best Actress Award), *Angels in America*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and many, many workshops in NYC. Most recently she played the lead role in "Last Out; Elegy of A Green Beret" and toured the country with the Gary Sinise Foundation and a cast of Veterans. Film/tv: "The Small", "Ain't that Life", "Journey into the Abyss", and the award-winning film "Stuck". She is the recipient of Audiofile's Earphones Award for her contribution to Muriel Barbery's "Gourmet Rhapsody," and received a starred review from Publishers Weekly for her narration of the young adult title, "When She Woke." Other popular books she has recorded for major publishers include: "The Future for Curious

People," "The Appetite of Girls," "The Art of Secrets," "The House of Velvet and Glass," and "Lexicon."

The concert will be held at the Fireman Performing Arts Center, on the campus of Tabor Academy, 245 Front St., Marion. Adult tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Children aged 12 and under are admitted free of charge. Tickets may be purchased in advance at The Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth, The Marion General Store in Marion or online at tricountysymphonicband.org.

Please visit tricountysymphonicband.org for more detailed information.

Common Waters: Once Removed, Always Returning

The Marion Art Center is pleased to present the opening of *Common Waters: Once Removed, Always Returning*. The show features the art of Lou Schellenberg & Susan Darwin. It opens on March 21 and will run through April 17. There will be a reception from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on **March 21** at the MAC, located at 80 Pleasant St, Marion, MA.

Unusually, each artist will command a floor at the MAC for this exhibition. Both artists work from observation, reference, and memory, creating colorful paintings filled with experiences of places they know and travel to. In addition to having successful lifelong careers in art, Susan and Lou are cousins who share a love



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at 19 County Rd, identified on Assessor's Map 10, Lot 3A, who is seeking a Special Permit for a kennel license for up to fifteen (15) dogs, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section F.6., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

The public hearing will be on Thursday, April 9th, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.

Donald Spirlet, Chairman 3/19, 3/26

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of Buzzards Bay, where they have common roots. More information can be found at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit.

Susan Darwin (upstairs at the MAC) is in the midst of her 10-Year Location Series which increasingly brings her to remote locations. Susan began her 10-year Location Series in 2020, turning her attention to a different location each year and creating 20 paintings annually that serve as a visual essay of what that location inspires and what it means to her. In a hurried world, where we are all caught up in our own stories, this series examines how a location can have the power not only to define us, but to awaken us and hopefully teach us to be here at any given moment. Starting at a grand property on the banks of the Hudson River, she painted natural objects and tranquil scenes at the Locust Grove Estate in Poughkeepsie, New York, in 2020; produced a variety of paintings having to do with New Bedford, Massachusetts, in 2021; made works pertaining to life and land in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 2022; captured the diversity of the towns, flora, and fauna of New Jersey in 2023; and then traveled the East Coast in 2024, painting a 6.5-pound lobster and other sea creatures as well as vistas from Newfoundland to Florida. In the sixth year of the series, 2025, she traveled Cross Country looking for inspiration. Darwin says: "This past year took me to California and up the West Coast to Oregon. I was also able to paint in Detroit and Las Vegas. One year is not nearly enough time to cover the ground I had intended with "Cross Country," but the assignment nevertheless gave me an abundance of options to explore. The Location Series is meant to highlight all there is that is explorable, near and far. I'm interested in going to places and looking for paintings.

Lou Schellenberg (downstairs at the MAC) shares paintings that are inspired by decades spent along the Northeast coast from Massachusetts and Maine to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. She is a visual artist who divides her year painting in Pennsylvania, and Nova Scotia, Canada. Lou was raised in NY and New England and has a deep connection to the northeast coast. Living both rural and city experiences have influenced her life and work. For over thirty years Schellenberg's landscape paintings have combined observation and invention, creating paired down compositions of dwellings and structures in the landscape and her surroundings. After receiving an MFA (SUNY Albany), she moved to Pennsylvania and taught as an Associate Prof of Art for 20 years.

Schellenberg has exhibited in numerous group and solo shows in the US and Canada. Her paintings and public commissions are in many collections including Penn Medicine, The Milton S Hershey Medical Center and LL Bean, Maine. Her artwork is currently represented by The Willard Gallery in Maine, Blue Print Gallery in Dallas Texas, Warm Springs Gallery in Virginia and Keisendahl and Calhoun, PA.

BWAA Art Achievement Award

The Bourne-Wareham Art Association (BWAA) is happy to announce that their Art Achievement Award will be taking place again this year. We are a group of local artists promoting visual arts throughout the Buzzards Bay region. Graduating seniors from the region who plan to pursue a career in visual art are eligible and encouraged to apply. Participant portfolio presentations will be Saturday April 18, 12:00 pm noon, at the Wareham Free Library, 59 Marion Road, Wareham, MA 02571. The award, \$500+ is provided to the winner(s) after they forward evidence of a first semester passing grade to the BWAA president. Cutoff date to submit application forms is **April 10**. Parents, teachers, and counselors are welcome to attend the student presentations. To obtain a copy of the registration form or for more information, you can go to lindahannonart.com/bwaa-achievement-award/ or email LindaHannonArt@gmail.com.

John R. Pandolfi Music Scholarship

The Tri-County Music Association is pleased to announce that applications are now available for the 2026 John R. Pandolfi Music Scholarship and Summer Study Grant. Each year, the Association awards \$16,000 to aspiring high school and college musicians from the Tri-County region, including Bristol, Plymouth, and Barnstable counties.

The John R. Pandolfi Music Scholarships are conditional awards available to students pursuing a music major at a four-year college or university, as well as students working toward an advanced degree in music. Summer Study Grants are available to high school students who wish to further their musical development through advanced camps, clinics, or private lessons.

Students are encouraged to apply for one or both opportunities, and previous applicants and recipients are welcome to reapply.

Applications and eligibility requirements are available at: tricontysymphonicband.org/scholarships-grants/ The application deadline is Wednesday, **April 1**.

Playwrights Incubator

The MAC is now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 MTPI season. Applications are due by **March 31** at 11:59 pm. The MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator is a program for first-time playwrights to see their work realized on the stage.

Finding theaters to produce new or unpublished plays can be an obstacle for any new playwright. The MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator is a structured program that aims to discover and support, through workshop and production, new stage plays by first time, unpublished regional playwrights.

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The mentors for this season are veteran mentor and MTPI founder Kate Fishman and director Brie Riccio. More information and the application can be found at marionartcenter.org/mtpi.

38th MYC Spring Round The Bay Race

Mattapoisett Yacht Club Hosts Round The Bay Regatta on **June 6**, This is the first race in the Buzzards Bay Trophy, The Spring Round-the-Bay Race is a "pursuit start" PHRF Handicap race for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes. The course begins and finishes outside of Mattapoisett Harbor. This is the first race in series of long distance races sponsored by local yacht clubs to determine the overall winner of the 2026 Buzzards Bay Trophy. Scratch sheets will be available online. The entry fee is \$75.00 for both members and non-members.

New this year, double handed handicap class. Information and registration is now available on our website www.mattapoisettyc.org/racing.

Annual Afternoon Tea Fundraiser

Please join the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library on Sunday, **April 12** as we host our annual Afternoon Tea Fundraiser at the Marion Music Hall in Marion.

Performer Sheryl Faye returns in "Liberty and Legacy" as Abigail Adams, one of the Founders of our country.

Guests are encouraged to wear festive hats and/or time period appropriate attire to add to the fun. Doors will open at 2:30 pm. Tea service starts promptly at 3pm. Finger sandwiches, scones, and desserts will be served. Performance will begin after teatime.

Tickets are \$45/per person.* You may purchase tickets in the library or online. Book Clubs are encouraged to purchase a table to sit together.

Online tickets will be available for purchase soon on the library website. Navigate to the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber library page and as soon as online sales are available, you will see a link. If you purchase tickets online, there is an additional convenience fee (no more than +/- \$3.00).

Auditions at the MAC

The MAC will be auditioning for roles in the theater standard *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder. Pippa Asker is directing the production. Auditions will be held on Saturday, **March 21**, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and on

Sunday, **March 22**, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the MAC, 80 Pleasant St. Marion. There are nine performances: June 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28; Fri/Sat evenings are at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees are at 2:00 pm.

Our Town is a tender, poetic exploration of everyday life, love, and loss in the fictional New England town of Grover's Corners. Told through the eyes of the omniscient Stage Manager, the play follows the daily routines of two neighboring families - the Gibbsses and the Webbs - as their children, George and Emily, grow up, fall in love, and confront the passage of time. With minimal scenery and a focus on language and imagination, *Our Town* invites audiences to notice the beauty in ordinary moments - shared meals, childhood friendships, and small-town rituals - and to reflect on what it truly means to be alive. Simple in form but profound in impact, the play remains one of the most beloved works in American theater.

More information on the audition process and the roles/sides can be found at marionartcenter.org/auditions.

Literary Society at the Mattapoisett Library

Young professionals and emerging adults, 20 and up, are invited to join us for the Literary Society's Mocktails and Mixology Masterclass on Tuesday, **March 31**, at 6:00 pm. Participants are in for a spirited (zero-proof.) evening of Literary Mocktails with Jonathan



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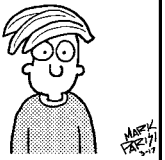
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

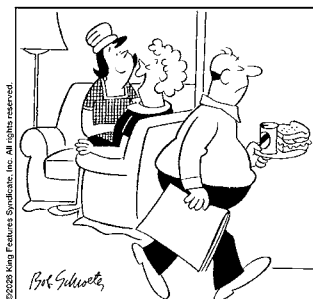
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TODAY'S WORD



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MHC Historic Plaque Program

The Mattapoisett Historical Commission was established in 1973 to identify, evaluate, preserve, and protect the historically significant resources of the town. The historic house plaque program serves to recognize historic structures with the placement of an historic plaque.

In honor of the nation's 250th (Semiquincentennial) Anniversary, the Historical Commission encourages the residents of Mattapoisett to apply for an historic house plaque or to replace existing house plaques in need of updating.

A property must meet two or more qualifying criteria:

-Age: The structure must be at least 75 years old.

-Historic Event: Structures must be associated with an event that has local, regional, or national significance.

-Person: The structure must be associated with a person or persons who have made a notable contribution to history.

-Period/Style: The structure embodies distinctive characteristics of a period of architecture or style and may be associated with a noted architect or builder.

-Cultural landscape/archeology: The site of the

structure has an important connection to the local history.

The plaques will display the original owner's name and spouse, if applicable, and the date. There is space for three lines. It should be attached to the front of the house where it can be visible from the street. Plaques are informational only and do not restrict the owner from making changes to the property.

The application form is available on the Mattapoisett Historical Commission website. Once completed it should be returned to: Mattapoisett Historical Commission, 16 Main St., Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Please see the Mattapoisett Historical Commission website under www.mattapoisett.gov for further information.

Marion Brush Drop Off

The Marion Department of Public Works will be accepting brush, limbs and branches that fell during the Blizzard of 2026. This service is for Marion residents only. A valid 2026 Transfer Station Sticker is required.

The brush, limbs and branches will be accepted at the Department of Public Works (DPW) Operations Facility, 60 Benson Brook Road on the following dates and times:

- Saturday **March 21** - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Saturday **March 28** - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Saturday **April 4** - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

No other dates and/or times will drop offs be allowed. The DPW will not be conducting curb side pick-up.

Community Egg Hunt

The Early Childhood Education Program at Old Rochester Regional High School will host its First Annual Community Egg Hunt on Saturday, **April 4** at 11:00 am in the high school courtyard. Families are invited to enjoy a festive morning featuring an egg hunt, photos with the Easter Bunny, and a student-run bake sale. Organized by students in the school's Chapter 74 Early Childhood Education program, the event provides hands-on experience in family engagement and event

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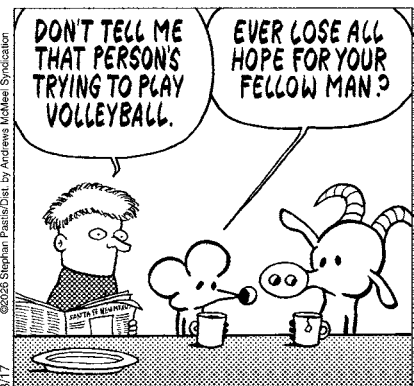
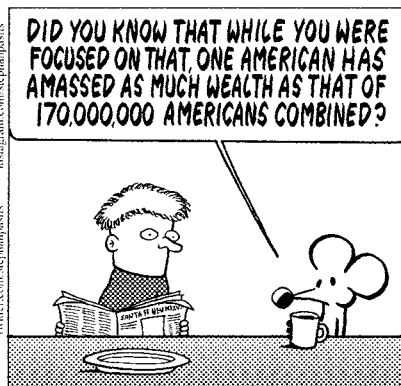
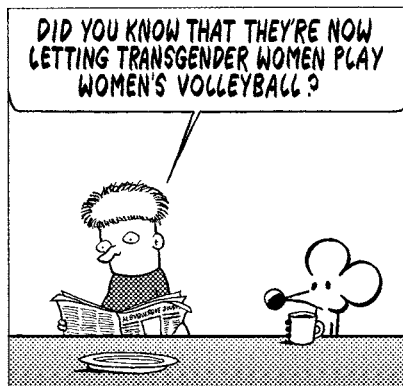
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



planning. Admission is \$5 cash per child at the door, and in the event of rain the event will move to the high school gymnasium. The event will take place at Old Rochester Regional High School, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, and families can reserve their spot at www.eventbrite.com/e/1982883819883.

ORCTV Annual Meeting

ORCTV will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, **April 9** at the ORCTV studio. The meeting will begin at 5:00 pm and will include the election of officers to the Old Rochester Community Television Board of Directors. All current ORCTV station members are invited and encouraged to attend.

2026 Board of Director's Nomination Slate
 Marion Nominee - Phil Sanborn - 2 yr. term
 Rochester Nominee - Nancy Sparklin - 2 yr. term
 Mattapoisett Nominee - Chris Charyk - 2 yr. term
 Membership Seat - Linda Mederios - 1 yr. term

Knit or Crochet for a Cause

The Rochester Town Democratic Committee (RDTC) is asking local knitters and crocheters to lend their skills to support the Committee's March fundraiser. The RDTC is raising money to support The Community Economic Development Center of New Bedford by selling handcrafted hats based on the Norwegian red hat (nisselue), a historical symbol of Norwegian national identity. These hats were banned by the occupying Nazi authorities during WWII when they were worn by Norwegians as a form of resistance and defiance. The symbol has recently resurfaced as a nod to that history and solidarity. Making and wearing these hats has gained momentum in Minnesota and across the country as part of the "Melt the ICE" campaign.

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Mariner Youth Soccer Club Annual Meeting



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The Mariner Youth Soccer Club's Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, **March 31** at 7:00 pm at the Fairhaven Council on Aging located at 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719. All members are welcome to attend.

The meeting will include elections for board positions and committee updates and appointments. Please address questions or interest to: info@marineryouthsoccer.onmicrosoft.com.

Mattapoisett Census and Dog License

The annual census forms for the Town of Mattapoisett were mailed out in January. If you have not returned your form yet, please do so as soon as possible. Please review the information and make any necessary changes. According to Massachusetts General Laws, failure to respond to the census may cause you to be made an inactive voter.

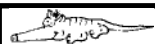
At the bottom of the census, there was a dog licensing form. If you have not licensed your dog for 2026, please take care of that soon. According to Town by-laws, a late fee of \$10 each will start on June 1. Payments may be made online through the Town website, by mail, through the drop box in front of Town Hall, or in person. For any questions regarding the census or dog licensing, please call 508-758-4100 x2.

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Thursday	March 19	8:52	9:12	2:32	2:38
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Saturday	March 21	10:23	10:44	4:00	3:54
Sunday	March 22	11:13	11:36	4:43	4:36
Monday	March 23		12:08	5:30	5:21
Tuesday	March 24	12:33	1:07	6:25	6:13
Wednesday	March 25	1:35	2:08	8:10	7:19
Thursday	March 26	2:39	3:12	10:10	8:56
Friday	March 27	3:48	4:20	11:14	10:52
Saturday	March 28	4:59	5:26		12:03
Sunday	March 29	6:02	6:24		12:42
Monday	March 30	6:54	7:14	12:43	1:13
Tuesday	March 31	7:39	7:58	1:23	1:37
Wednesday	April 1	8:21	8:40	2:00	2:01
Thursday	April 2	9:01	9:20	2:36	2:29
Friday	April 3	9:40	9:58	3:11	3:02
Saturday	April 4	10:18	10:35	3:47	3:37
Sunday	April 5	10:57	11:13	4:22	4:13
Phases of the Moon		First Quarter		March 25th	
		Full Moon		April 2nd	
		Last Quarter		April 10th	
		New Moon		April 17th	



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

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In the March 12, 2026 edition the Aardvark was on page 43

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SCRAMBLERS

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3. Smudge; 4. Nurse

Today's Word
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Sudoku Answer

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Mix 'N Match Sale!**

**Choose Any 6 Bottles of Wine
or More and Get 20% Off!**

*Excludes markdowns, monthly sale wines,
3/\$30, and wines price ending in 98¢

MEAT, DELI, & CHEESE

Certified Black Angus,
Bone-In
Friends' Premium
Strip Steak
\$17.99
lb



16 oz. Pkg. Regular or Thick Cut
Hormel

\$8.99

Black Label Bacon

14 oz. Pkg.

Kayem

Fenway Franks

\$5.99

14 oz. Pkg.

Boar's Head

Natural Casing Franks

\$9.99

Deli Sliced, Vermont

Boar's Head

Cheddar Cheese

\$7.99
lb

Deli Fresh

Friends' Store Made
Tuna Salad

\$11.99
lb

Deli Fresh

Friends' Store Packaged
Beet & Onion Salad

\$6.99
lb

Deli Fresh

Friends' Store Packaged
Asian Noodle Salad

\$6.99
lb

10 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety

Ithaca

Hummus

\$4.99

8 oz. Pkg. Canadian

Boar's Head

Havarti with Dill

\$5.99

Ready to Serve

Allen's

Rotisserie Chicken

\$9.99
ea

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!

HAPPY SPRING

Pansies are arriving...
Our garden center will be
opening next week!



Friends'
marketplace

565 Rounseville Rd.
Rochester, MA 02770
Phone: 508.763.5333

Visit our website!
www.friendsplumbcorner.com

Open Daily: 7am-8pm

at PLUMB CORNER

We reserve the right to limit quantities & correct typographical errors. Illustrations are for design purposes only. Items are while supplies last and no rain checks.
Due to current market conditions, item retails may change, and products may become unavailable unexpectedly.

SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, March 20 to Thursday, March 26, 2026

BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Certified Black Angus
Friends'
Premium
Porterhouse
Steak
\$16⁹⁹
lb



32 oz. Selected Variety
College Inn
Broth
\$1⁴⁸



16 oz. Selected Variety
Food Club
Butter Quarters
\$1⁹⁸



12 oz. Cans, 8 pk. Selected Variety
La Croix
Sparkling Water
\$4⁹⁹
+Dep



6-8 oz. Selected Variety
Shredded or Bars
Cabot
Cheese
2/\$7



48 oz. Selected Variety
Breyers
Dessert
\$4⁹⁹



QUALITY PRODUCE



6 oz. Pkg.
Blackberries & Raspberries **2/\$7**

Tangy
Limes **99¢ ea**

Juicy
Lemons **69¢ ea**



Fresh
Red Grapes **\$2⁹⁹ lb**

Plump
Hot House Tomatoes **\$1⁶⁹ lb**

Fresh
Mini Cucumbers **\$2⁵⁹ lb**

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